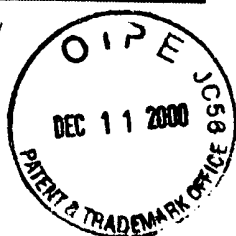


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Applicant: Weihong Xiong, et al.  
Our Docket No. T8345.NP

Dear Sir:

On November 16, 2000, we filed a non-provisional application with the USPTO. We have received our postcard back from the patent office indicating a provisional serial number, rather than a non-provisional serial number. For your information, we have enclosed a copy of our transmittal letter indicating that the application was filed as a non-provisional and claiming priority to the provisional application number. Also enclosed is a copy of the postcard for your reference.

Please issue a new non-provisional serial number to this patent application. If you have questions, or need any further information, please fee free to contact the undersigned. Thank you for your cooperation.

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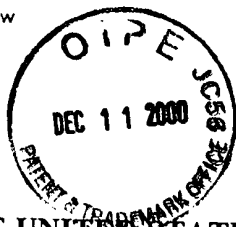
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Sir/Madam:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of **WEIHONG XIONG** and **DINESH PATEL** for **TRANSDERMAL DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR ALKALOIDS OF ACONITUM SPECIES** comprising 74 pages of specification and claims:

- ☒ Priority to U.S. Provisional Application No.60/166,497 filed on November 19, 1999, in the United States Patent & Trademark Office is hereby claimed.

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